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ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Will the Government be pleased to appoint an enquiry committee consisting of officials and non-officials to go into the matter again to find out whether she was actually guilty or not?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir, it is not necessary to have any such committee."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Was there any departmental enquiry after the report of the police?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, as she was a servant of the Government working under the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, was it not proper that the departmental head should have been consulted, before action was taken on the police report?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is not necessary to have departmental enquiry in such cases."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Then there is no safety for the Government officials, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" It is not a question, please."

The Government Co-operative Housing Scheme.

*146 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Firka Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any, and what changes, have been made in the Government Co-operative Housing Scheme formulated by the former Minister for Housing; and

(*b*) whether the Government have placed any restriction on building A and B classes of houses, and, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" (*a*) So far no change has been made in the Co-operative Housing Schemes sponsored by Government.

" (*b*) No restriction has yet been placed on the construction of A and B class houses. The Government are however considering the question of encouraging construction of smaller types of houses by co-operative societies in preference to the bigger and costlier types."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether orders have been issued by the Government stating that they would not accord sanction to co-operative house-building societies for constructing A and B class houses?"

THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" No, Sir, no such orders have been issued."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, when the Government hope to come to a decision on this matter, as meanwhile a number of house-building societies are constructing A and B class houses?"

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THE HON. DR. S. GURUBATHAM :—" All societies are not constructing A and B class houses, Sir. They are constructing C class houses also and I see that the proportion is not so great as between A, B and C class houses."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Questions over. The debate on the Zamindari Abolition Bill will now continue."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

II.—(1) THE MADRAS ESTATES (ABOLITION AND CONVERSION INTO RYOTWARI) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL No. 37 OF 1947)—*cont.*

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Mr. President, in view of the attitude that we have taken yesterday with regard to an amendment, we are following the same attitude to-day also and we do not propose to take any further part in these discussions, on this Bill."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think in the interests of the proper and smooth working of this House, we ought not to allow this tension to prevail. I wish that the hon. Deputy Leader of the Opposition will please get into touch with the Government and come to some sort of understanding, so that we may get on as amicably as before. I make this suggestion both to the Government and to the Opposition."

SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI :—" Mr. President, Sir, this is a very important legislation which the Provincial Government have undertaken since the year 1937. The Prakasam Committee went into the whole question, made a lot of investigations and inquiries and produced voluminous reports. From that time onwards, the zamindari ryots have been expecting legislation on this important question and after many years the Government are now able to bring forward this important legislation which stands to the credit of the present Government and also to the credit of the present Legislature. When the full effects of the present legislation will be known after a few years, people will realise what great achievements we are able to make. This legislation will help to bring about a uniform system of land tenure and the tax burden on the lakhs of zamindari tenants will be greatly lightened and there will be no evictions of tenants from land and we can expect more food crops to be produced and there will be an end to the lot of litigations that have been going on in the zamindari areas.

" Sir, it has been suggested in certain quarters that in the near future there will be fresh elections and that another party may come into power and that some of the important pieces of legislation passed by the present Government may be repealed or annulled. With all due respect to people holding such views, I may be permitted to say that the Congress will remain in power at least for a decade to come. People in the country are not